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## P R E F A C E

The Primer complies with the requirements of the new syllabus prescribed by the Government of West Bengal. The vocabulary is strictly controlled and approximates the list of the first 500 words compiled by Thorndike. Sometimes allied words have been lumped together in one lesson for better assimilation.

The lessons begin with a thorough drilling of the vowel and important consonant sounds. To break the monotony lessons on conversation have been interspersed. Incidentally the students are taught simple questions and their answers.

Most of the lessons are on the environment of the student. The prose portion is rounded off with two sketches of Sarojini Naidu and Mahatma Gandhi.

A few nursery rhymes and some musical poems are offered to the students as their first introduction to English poetry. It is hoped that they will enjoy reading them.

The illustrations not only explain many of the unfamiliar words and phrases but help to enliven the pages.

No pains have been spared to make the lessons simple and interesting. The labour will be amply rewarded if the teachers of West Bengal find the book useful.

THE AUTHOR

CHILD'S EASY READERS  
PRIMER

THE LETTERS

CAPITAL

A B C D E F G  
H I J K L M N  
O P Q R S T  
U V W X Y Z

SMALL

a b c d e f g h i  
j k l m n o p q r  
s t u v w x y z

NUMBERS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

THE LETTERS  
AS WRITTEN  
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## LESSON 1

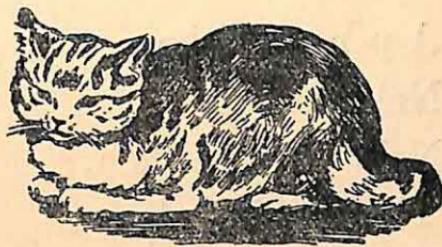
lad              cat              man              fan

bad              fat              pan

A lad      A cat

A bad lad

A fat cat



A man    A fan    A hat

A man has a fan.

A lad has a fan.

A man has a pan.

A lad has a hat.

*Word drill :*

bad      cat      map      tan      bag

mad      rat      tap      van      rag

*A fat cat*



## LESSON 2

<b>pen</b>	<b>pet</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>get</b>
<b>hen</b>	<b>net</b>	<b>fed</b>	<b>set</b>

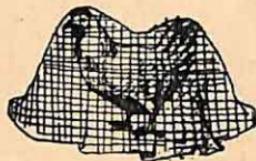
A pen      A hen

Nell has a pen.

Nell has a pet hen.

The hen is red.

The pet hen is red.



Nell fed the pet hen.

Nell fed the pet red hen.

Get a net.

Set a net.

A red hen is in a net.

*Word drill :*

<b>get</b>	<b>met</b>	<b>bed</b>	<b>ten</b>	<b>pet</b>
<b>let</b>	<b>set</b>	<b>fed</b>	<b>hen</b>	<b>wet</b>

*The hen is red*

## LESSON 3

<b>big</b>	<b>kid</b>	<b>his</b>
<b>pig</b>	<b>it</b>	<b>is</b>

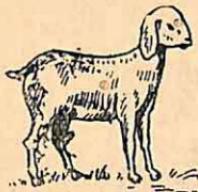
A pig

It is a pig.

The pig is big.

The pig is fat.

It is a big fat pig.



Get a kid.

Get a fat kid.

The man has a kid.

It is his kid.

The lad has a pig.

It is his pig.

*Word drill :*

<b>hit</b>	<b>sit</b>	<b>tin</b>	<b>big</b>	<b>hill</b>
<b>pit</b>	<b>lit</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>dig</b>	<b>mill</b>

*The lad has a kid*

## LESSON 4

**hot      pot      not**  
**top      doll**

Get a pot.

Get a hot pot.

It is a hot pot.



A lad has a top.

He has a red top.

It is his top.

Nell has a doll.

It is not a top.

It is a doll.

A top is not a doll.

A doll is not a top.



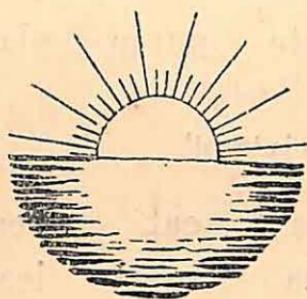
*Word drill :*

<b>pot</b>	<b>got</b>	<b>dog</b>	<b>box</b>	<b>lock</b>
<b>hot</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>log</b>	<b>ox</b>	<b>dock</b>

*Nell has a doll*

## LESSON 5

<b>sun</b>	<b>fun</b>	<b>much</b>
<b>run</b>	<b>gun</b>	<b>such</b>



The sun is up.  
The sun is red.  
The red sun is up.  
It is fun to run.

Get a gun.  
It is not a big gun.  
The lad has a big gun.

*Word drill :*

<b>mug</b>	<b>cut</b>	<b>sun</b>	<b>cup</b>	<b>duck</b>
<b>rug</b>	<b>hut</b>	<b>run</b>	<b>pup</b>	<b>luck</b>

*It is fun to run*

## SOUND DRILL

### 1. Sound as in 'take'

cake	make	late	lame	plate
bake	lake	hate	game	slate

### 2. Sound as in 'meet'

see	feet	tea	eat	read
tree	street	sea	meat	lead

### 3. Sound as in 'ride'

hide	nice	kind	light	sight
side	pice	find	fight	bright

### 4. Sound as in 'rose'

nose	those	bone	boat	gold
dose	close	stone	goat	bold

### 5. Sound as in 'new'

few	dew	you
ewe	mew	tube

## 6. Sound as in 'rain'

pain

tail

grain

gate

gain

nail

train

eight

## 7. Sound as in 'coat'

goat

coal

hope

told

boat

loaf

pole

fold

## 8. Sound as in 'car'

far

bar

part

rather

jar

star

cart

father

## 9. Sound as in 'food'

good

moon

who

fruit

wood

noon

two

suit

## 10. Sound as in 'toy'

boy

oil

coin

voice

joy

boil

join

noise

## 11. Sound as in 'wall'

tall

ball

call

walk

fall

hall

small

chalk

## 12. Sound as in 'town'

owl

mouse

sound

shout

fowl

house

round

a-bout

## 13. Sound as in 'dear'

tear

near

ear

here

clear

deer

year

mere

## 14. Sound as in 'tire'

sire

fire

wire

## LESSON 6

I

he

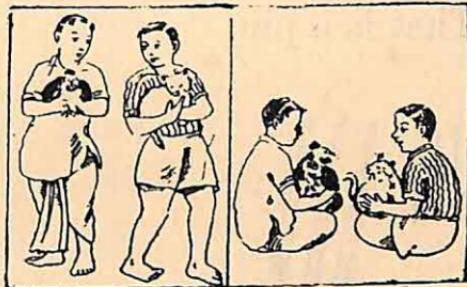
we

she

you

they

I have a hen.  
You have a cat.



We have a hen and a cat.



The boy has a top.  
He has no doll.  
The girl has a doll.  
She has no top.

The boy has a top.  
The girl has a doll.  
They have a top and a doll.

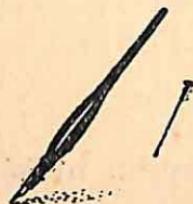
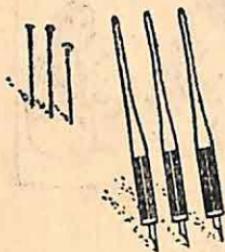
*The girl has a doll*

## LESSON 7

this      that      these      those  
it                  what

This is a pen.

That is a pin.



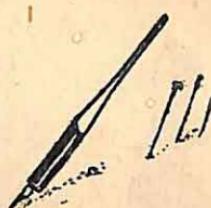
These are pens.  
Those are pins.

What is this?

This is a pen.

What are those?

Those are pins.



What are these?  
These are cats.

What are those?

Those are dogs.

*Those are pins*

## LESSON 8

A lad has a top.

Has he a hat?

No, he has no hat.

Has he not a top?

Yes, he has a top.

A girl has a doll.

Has she a fan?

No, she has no fan.

Has she not a doll?

Yes, she has a doll.

Who has a top?

The lad has a top.

Who has a doll?

The girl has a doll.

## LESSON 9

One cat



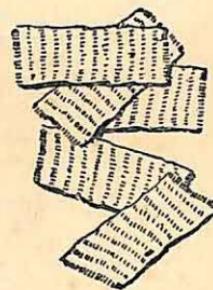
Two rats



Three pens

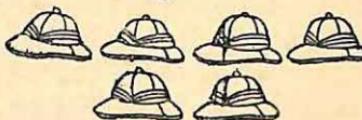


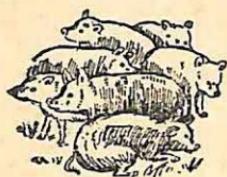
Four hens



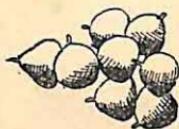
Five mats

Six hats



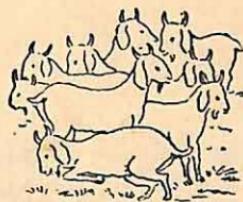


Seven pigs

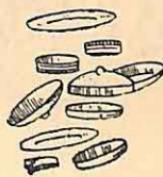


Eight figs

Nine kids



Ten lids



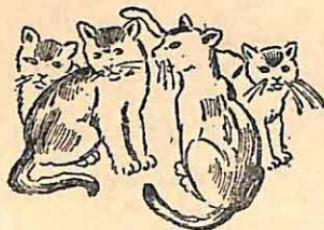
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VII      VIII      IX      X

## LESSON 10

It is a cat.

Is it a cat?

Yes, it is a cat.



They are cats.

Are they cats?

Yes, they are cats.

It is a rat.

Is it a rat?

Yes, it is a rat.



They are rats.

Are they rats?

Yes, they are rats.



Are they cats?

No, they are not cats.

Are they not rats?

Yes, they are rats.

*Yes, they are rats*



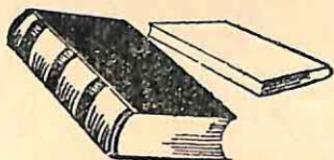
## LESSON II

**Which**

This pig is big.  
That pig is small.



This car is black  
That car is white.



Which is the big pig?  
Which is the short man?  
Which is the black car?  
Which is the thick book?

This book is thin.  
That book is thick.

## LESSON 12

( ck )

back	peck	stick
sock	duck	sack

The man is sick.

The sick man is in bed.

The sick man has no socks.

Give him socks.



Lila has a pet hen.

The pet hen pecks.

1  
2  
3

This is a duck.  
"Quack, Quack,"  
says the duck.



The boy has a sack.  
It is on his back.  
He has a stick.  
It is in his hand.



Lila has a pet hen

## LESSON 13

(sh ch)

shall

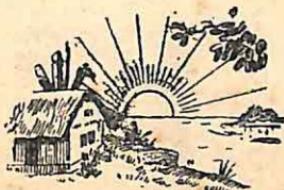
shine

shoot

shut

much

touch



The sun shines.

The sun shines in the east.

I shall shoot.

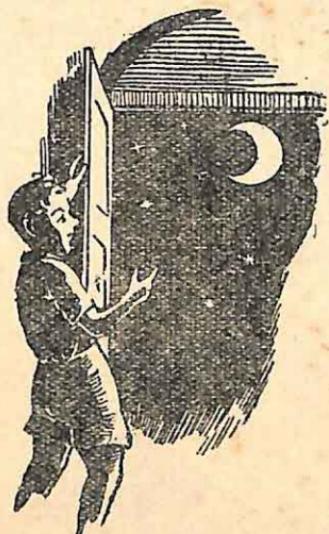
I shall shoot a duck.

I love my dog.

I love it much.

The dog loves me much.

Do not touch my dog.



The moon shines in the sky.

Do not shut the door.

I shall not shut it.



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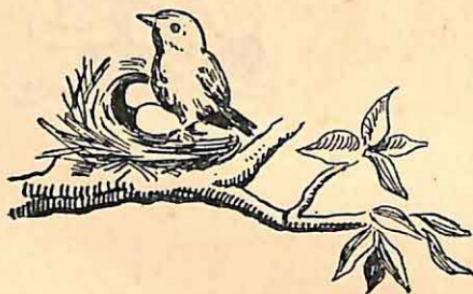
(st nt)

**fast****west****nest****tent****hunt**

The sun sets.

The sun sets in the west.

I like sunset.



The sun sets.

Birds fly to their nests.

The man hunts.

He is a hunter.

He lives in a tent.

Here is his tent.



Birds live in nests.

They fly fast.

They fly fast

to their nests.



## LESSON 15

(nd ng)

ring

sing

strong

wind

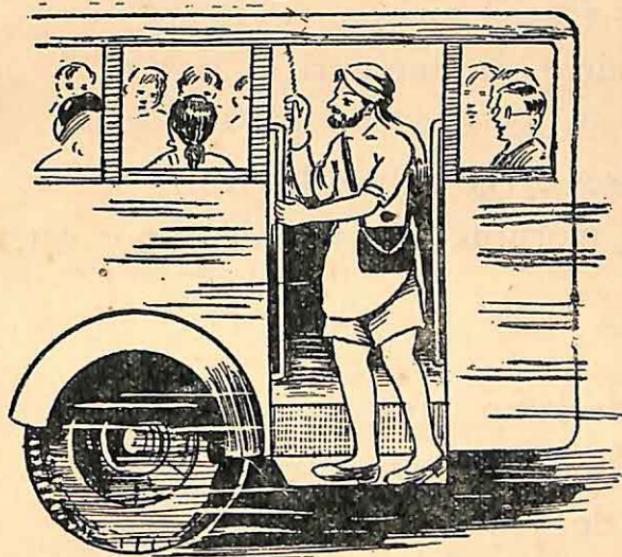
stand

The wind blows.

The wind is strong.

Do not stand in the wind.

It is a strong wind.



There stands a bus.

Get into the bus.

The bell rings :ting—ting-a-ling !

The bell sings :ting-a-ling—ting !

*The wind is strong*

## LESSON 16

( rl rn )

girl	curl	early	burn
turn	corner	morning	

Nila is a good girl.

Her hair has a fine curl.

She feeds her cat.

She rises early to feed her cat.

“Good morning!” says Lila to her cat.

The lamp burns.

The lamp burns at night.

It does not burn in the morning.

Here is the street corner.

Turn to the left.

Turn to the left at the street corner.

## LESSON 17

( rk sk )

<b>dark</b>	<b>hark</b>	<b>bark</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>ask</b>	<b>task</b>	<b>desk</b>	
<b>busy</b>	<b>teacher</b>		

It is dark.

Hark ! a dog barks.

The dog barks in the dark.

Mark the dog.

Lalit is at his desk.

Why is he at his desk ?

You may ask him.

He is busy at his desk.

His teacher set him tasks.

So he is busy.

He is doing sums at his desk.



## LESSON 18

( sp   sm   sw )

<b>spin</b>	<b>small</b>	<b>smile</b>	<b>smell</b>
<b>swim</b>	<b>sweet</b>		



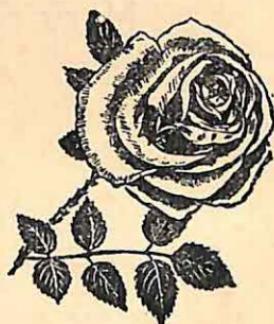
Tata is a small boy.  
He has a red top.  
The red top spins  
and Tata smiles.

Tata smiles to see his red top spin.

Here is a red rose.  
The rose has a sweet smell.

Do you get the smell?  
Do you get the sweet smell  
of the red rose?

Yes, I do.



I can swim.  
Can you?  
No, I cannot swim.

## LESSON 19

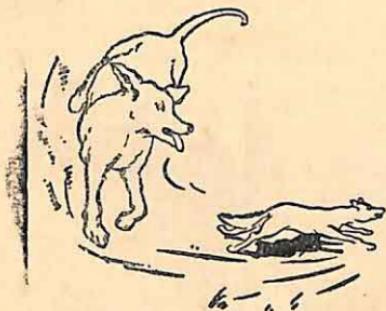
( silent letters )

high              talk              night  
 walk              bright              catch              sight



Kamal has a kite.  
 It flies high.  
 Soon it is out of sight.

This man loves to walk.  
 He does not love to talk.  
 I love to walk on a bright day.  
 I never walk at night.  
 I do not talk when I walk.  
 Night is not bright.



The dog runs to catch  
 the fox.  
 "Catch me if you can,"  
 says the fox.  
 The dog cannot catch  
 the fox..

## LESSON 20

## (Action)

This man sits.  
That man stands.

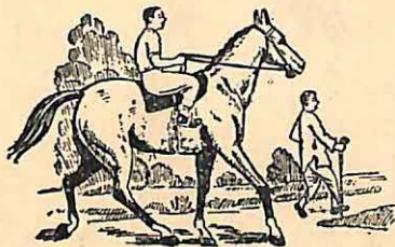


This man reads.  
That man writes.

This boy eats.  
That boy drinks.



This girl smiles.  
That girl cries.



This man rides.  
That man walks.

## EXERCISE

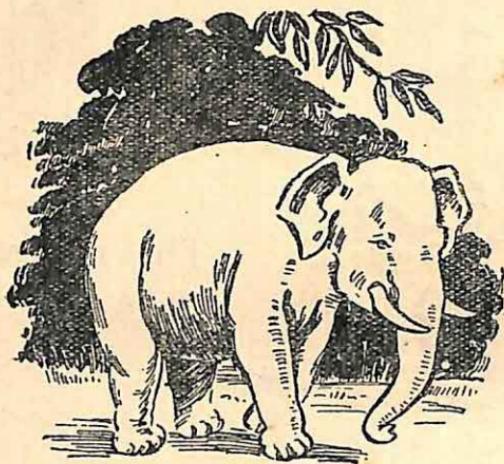
*Say as you do :*

Stand up, boys.  
We stand up, sir.  
Sit down, boys.  
We sit down, sir.  
(And so on.)

## LESSON 21

( Parts of the body )

## THE ELEPHANT



thick              strong              tusk

trunk              touch

Here is an elephant.  
How funny he looks !  
His legs are thick and strong.  
His ears are very big.  
His eyes are very small.

The tusks are his teeth.  
The trunk is his nose.  
What a funny nose !  
His head is so high.  
I cannot touch it with my hand.  
I like to ride on his back.

#### EXERCISE

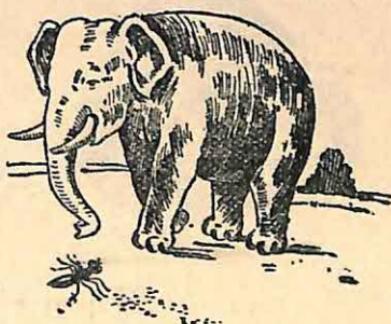
Name the parts of your body.

Now name the things in the class room.

#### LESSON 22

##### ( Opposites )

The elephant is big.  
The ant is small.





The man is strong.  
The woman is weak.



The tea is hot.  
The water is cold.



The crow is black.  
The duck is white.

I am right.  
You are wrong.

LESSON 23  
MY ROOM  
( **in on at etc.** )

I am in my room.  
I read in this room.  
I was out. Now I am in.  
The table is on the floor.  
The chair is by the table.  
My dog is under the table.  
The table is over the dog.



I am at the table.  
I put my pen into the ink-pot.  
I take my pen out.  
Then I write.  
I write on a sheet of paper.  
I write a letter to my father.

## LESSON 24

## COLOUR



pink

frock

gray

rain

green

The sky is blue.

The sun is red.

Come out on the green grass.

Nani has put on a white shirt.

Haru has a black coat on.

Mira has a pink frock.

Now the sky is gray.

It will rain.

## LESSON 25

## LILA'S CAT



feed

every day

drink

Who is this little girl?

She is Lila.

What is she doing?

She is feeding her cat.

What is the cat drinking?

The cat is drinking milk.

Does Lila love the cat?

Yes, Lila loves the cat.



Whose pet is the cat?  
The cat is Lila's pet.  
Who feeds the cat every day?  
Lila feeds the cat every day.

## LESSON 26

## BAPI'S DOG

morning

evening

laugh

Who is the young boy?  
The young boy is Bapi.  
Whose pet is the dog?  
The dog is Bapi's pet.



Bapi loves his pet dog.  
He feeds it every day.  
He takes it out in the morning.  
He takes it out in the evening.  
One day the pet dog went to Bapi's school.  
The boys laughed to see the pet dog at school.

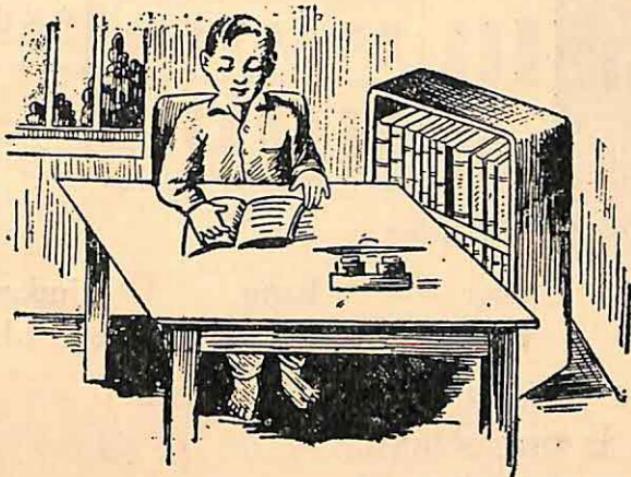
## LESSON 27

## OUR HOME

**house****chair****shelf****home****table****reading-room**

We live in a big house.

It is our home.



We have six rooms in our house.

One of them is my reading-room.

I keep my books on a shelf.

I keep my ink-pot and pen on a table.

I sit on the chair.

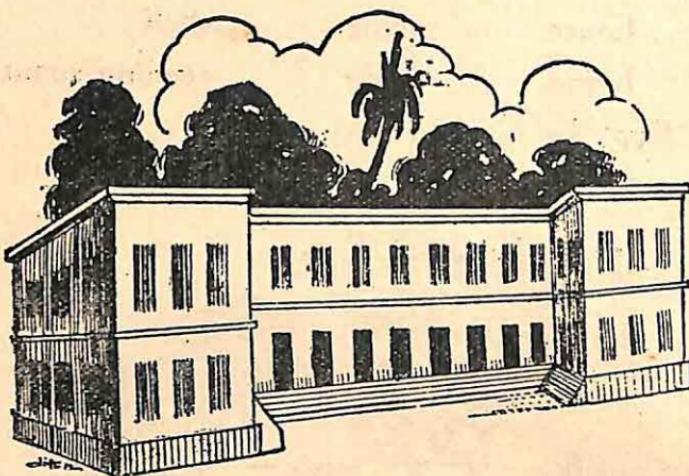
Then I read.

## EXERCISE

Name the things you see in your room:

## LESSON 28

## OUR SCHOOL



**building**  
**benches**

**floor**  
**nail**

**hang**  
**map**

**window**  
**black-board**

Do you see the big building?

It is our school.

I am in Class V.

It is on the first floor.

We sit on benches.

The teacher sits on a chair.

There is a black-board on the wall.

A map hangs on the wall.

There are thirty boys in our class.

## EXERCISE

Name the things you see in your class room.

## LESSON 29

## ACTION

**pencil****paper****sheet****lesson**

Teacher—Come in, Amal.

Amal—I come in, sir.

I am coming in, sir.

Teacher—Sit down.

Amal—I sit down sir.

Teacher—Open your book.

Amal—I open my book.

Teacher—Take up your pencil.

Amal—I take up my pencil.

Teacher—Take a sheet of paper.

Amal—I take a sheet of paper.

Teacher—Write six lines from your lesson.

Amal—I write six lines, Sir.

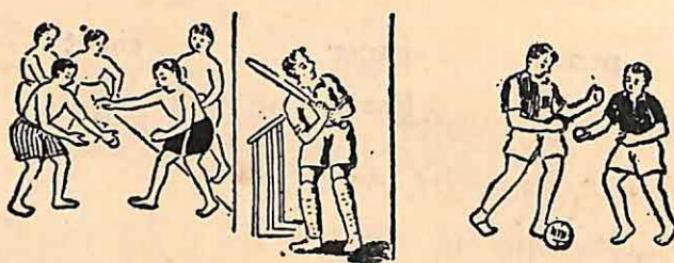
I am writing six lines, sir.

## EXERCISE

Act the lesson.

## LESSON 30

## THE PLAY-GROUND

**summer****cricket****jumps****sports****winter****hockey****prizes****races**

We have a play-ground. Have you?

Our play-ground is nice and big.

It is also long and wide.

We go there after school.

We play foot-ball in summer.

We play cricket and hockey in winter.

Sometimes we play *ha-du-du*.

We have also a sports day.

We run races.

We get prizes for the races.

We get prizes for high jump and long  
jump too.

## LESSON 31

**fever****pill****blow****wind****tie****fast**

Do you know our Doctor?

He is Doctor De.

I had fever last night.

Doctor De came to see me.

He gave me a pill and a glass of water.

Then off he went.

The wind was blowing fast.

It blew away the hat of

Doctor De.

It could not blow away his tie.

Doctor De ran for his hat.

It was fine fun to see him run.



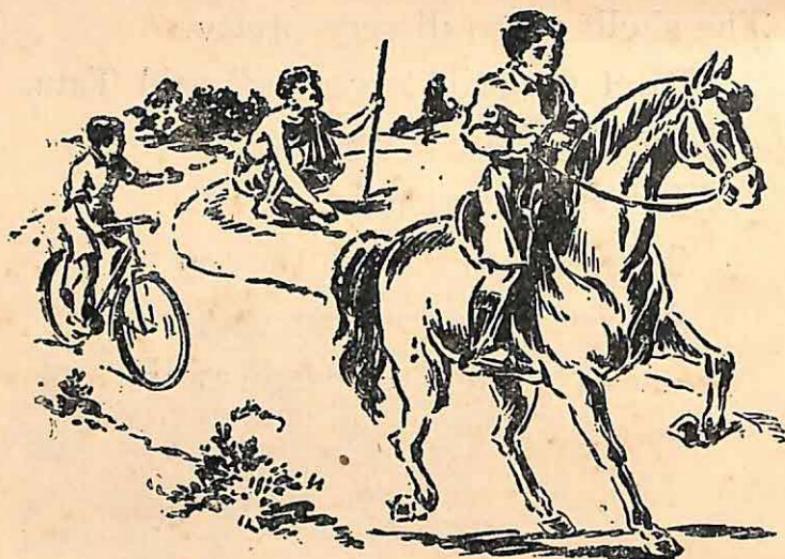
## EXERCISE

*Answer :*

- (i) Why did Doctor De come to see me?
- (ii) What did he give me?
- (iii) What happened to Doctor De's hat?

## LESSON 33

## ON HORSE BACK



ride

anna

bike

kind

beggar

thank

Look ! Amal is on the back of a horse.  
It is a fine horse.

Amal can ride the horse.

“Gee !” says Amal and the horse runs.

Kamal cannot ride a horse.

So his father gave him a bike.

Amal rides the horse, and

Kamal rides the bike.

Look ! there is a blind beggar.  
The blind beggar wants a pice.  
Kamal is kind.  
He throws an anna to the blind beggar.  
Thank you, Kamal.

## EXERCISE

*Answer :*

- (i) Who rides the horse?
- (ii) Who rides the bike?
- (iii) Who gets the anna from Kamal?

## LESSON 34

## A PICNIC

spot

shade

food

sweets

race

cook

Our school is closed to-day.

Let us have a picnic.

There is a fine spot a mile away.

Let us have our picnic there.

Here is the spot.

The two trees will give us shade.



Lalit, run for the milk.

Anil, run for the tea and

sugar.

Samir, run for the sweets.

Let us cook some food too.

Let us run a race.

Let us climb the trees.

Now, let us take food, sweets and tea.

Now is the time to run back home.

## LESSON 35

## THE BOAT

<b>land</b>	<b>distant</b>	<b>floating</b>	<b>dream</b>
<b>sheet</b>	<b>paper</b>	<b>indeed</b>	<b>real</b>

“I wish I had a big boat,” said Tapan.

“What will you do with a big boat?” said  
his father.

“I shall go to distant lands.”

“I will make a boat for you. Bring a  
sheet of paper.”



“Here is the paper.”

“Here is your boat.”

It was a fine boat, indeed!

It was tiny but it looked like  
a real boat.

Off ran Tapan to the side of the river.  
He set the boat floating. It went away, away  
to distant lands. Tapan dreamed and  
dreamed. He was in distant lands too.

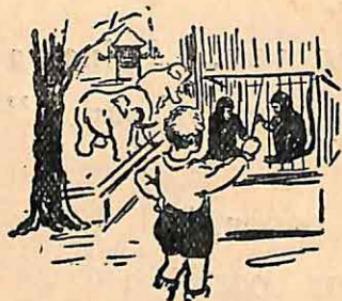
## LESSON 36

## TO-DAY

To-day our school is closed.

I go to the zoo.

I go to the zoo with my uncle.



Here is the zoo.

We pay two annas at  
the gate.

Then we get in.

Off I run to the monkeys.

They are in a big cage.

They cannot come out.

They take nuts from my hand.

There are the elephants.

I must have a ride on the back of  
an elephant.

## LESSON 37.

## TO-MORROW

circus

ticket

bring

ground

plenty

besides



Lila will not go to school to-morrow.  
She will go to the circus with her father.

Her father will bring a ticket for her.  
Then they will go to the circus ground.

Lila will have plenty of fun.

She will see the elephants.

She will see the lions and the tigers.

She will see the clowns.

She will see lots of things besides.

Lila will do all this to-morrow.

## LESSON 38

## YESTERDAY

prize-day	guest	music
holiday	clothes	dance

We had a holiday.  
The school was closed.  
It was yesterday.  
Yesterday we had our prizes.  
It was our school prize-day.

We put on our best clothes.  
The school looked neat and tidy.  
There was a flag at the gate.  
Many guests came.

The Headmaster spoke about our school.  
Some guests also spoke.  
Then we had music, dance and songs.  
At last we had a play.  
A lady gave away the prizes.  
I had a very fine prize yesterday.

## LESSON 39

## TO-DAY, TO-MORROW, YESTERDAY

I am here to-day.

I was not here yesterday.

I shall not be here to-morrow.

Where are you now?

I am now at the zoo.

Where were you yesterday?

I was at school yesterday.

Where will you be to-morrow?

I shall be at the circus to-morrow.

What will you do to-morrow?

I shall go to the circus to-morrow.

What did you do yesterday?

I went to my uncle's house yesterday.

What do you want to do to-day?

I want to go to the zoo to-day.

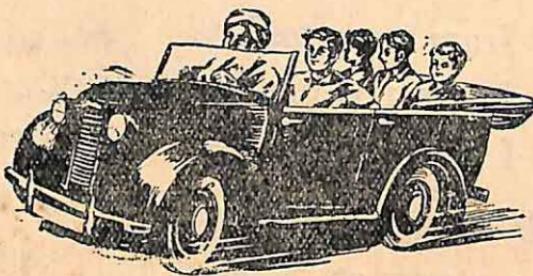
## EXERCISE

*Fill in the gaps:*

- (i) I—here to-day.
- (ii) I—here yesterday.
- (iii) I—be here to-morrow.

## LESSON 40

## THE MOTOR-CAR



**driver      front      start      engine  
behind      seat      duck      brought**

Benu and his three friends were out  
for the day.

They were in a motor-car.

Benu sat by the driver in the front seat.  
His three friends sat behind him.

The driver started the engine.

Off they went.

Soon they were out of town.

They drove on and on.

At last they had to stop.

It was getting late.

They must get back home before dusk.

Soon the driver brought them back to  
their homes.

## LESSON 41

## THE DHOBI

**wash****bundle****clean****soap****clothes****carry**

The Dhobi washes our clothes.

He carries our clothes in a big bundle.

The big bundle is on his back.

His back bends under the big bundle.

The Dhobi makes our clothes clean.

He makes them clean with soap.

He never has a holiday.

## EXERCISE

*Ask :*

- (i) You carry a bundle.
- (ii) He makes the clothes clean.

## LESSON 42

**worse****better****bigger****smaller****worst****best****biggest****smallest**

Haru, Nepu and Nani are three bad boys.  
Haru is bad.

Nepu is worse than Haru.

Nani is the worst of the three.

Bina, Bela and Meera are three  
good girls.

Bina is good.

Bela is better than Bina.

Meera is the best of the three.

The tiger is a big animal.

The horse is bigger than the tiger.

The elephant is the biggest of all animals.

The crow is a small bird.

The dove is smaller than the crow.

The sparrow is the smallest of them all.

## EXERCISE

*Fill in the gaps :*

- (i) Bela is—than Bina.
- (ii) Nepu is—than Haru.
- (iii) The elephant is the—of all animals.

## LESSON 43

## RULES OF THE ROAD

**bus****cross****pavement****tram****street****policeman**

Do you see the policeman in the picture?  
He is stopping the cars, the buses and  
the trams with a show of his hand.

Now is the time to cross the street.  
Do not cross the street at other times.  
You may be run over.

Many people are killed in the streets of  
a big city.

Many more are hurt.

They are run over by cars or buses  
or trams.

You should know the rules of the road.

Keep to the left.

Walk on the pavement.

Do not step into the street.

Cross the street only at fixed places.

Do not cross when the buses, trams and cars  
are on the run.

## LESSON 44

## THE JUDGE AND THE FARMER



## court

## **destroy**

## **pardon**

## **crops**

## money

## **memory**

**precious**

A judge sat in court.

A farmer came into the court room.

"Oh, judge," said the farmer,

"I am very sad.

My bull got into your field.

The bull destroyed all your crops."

"Oh, farmer," said the judge, "you must kill  
your bull.

You must pay me money for my crops.  
You must beg for my pardon."

The farmer said, "Oh, judge, I am a fool.  
My memory is bad.  
My bull did not destroy your crops.  
*Your bull destroyed my crops.*"

"Is that so?" said the judge.  
"I cannot kill my bull.  
I cannot pay you any money.  
My bull is a precious bull.  
I must not pay money for your crops.  
And I cannot beg for your pardon."

"Now I see," said the farmer,  
"There is one law for the judge and  
there is another law for a poor farmer."

## LESSON 45

## SAROJINI NAIDU



**orator**  
**leader**

**governor**  
**speeches**

**sums**  
**poet**

**fought**  
**instead**

**alas**

This is Sarojini Naidu.

She is one of the greatest of Indian  
women.

She was a poet, an orator and a great  
leader.

She was our first woman governor.

Sarojini Naidu was a Bengalee.  
But she was born in Hyderabad.  
She wrote poems at the age of nine.  
One day she was doing sums.  
But she wrote a poem instead.  
Her father liked her poems.  
He sent her to England.  
She won fame as a poet in England.  
She fought to make our country free.  
She made speeches.  
She went to jail.  
At last she saw that our country was free.  
She became the first woman governor in  
free India.  
Alas, she is dead.

## LESSON 46

## MAHATMA GANDHI

**modern****united****jail****alike****worship****nation****hate****noble**

This is Mahatma Gandhi.

He is the greatest man of the modern age.

He is worshipped by all Indians as a saint.

Mahatma Gandhi is called the Father of  
the Indian Nation.

He made us united.

He made us free.

He made us feel that we are one nation.

Mahatma Gandhi did not know any fear.

He went to jail again and again.

He went to jail to make our country free.

Mahatma Gandhi did not hate anyone.

He had love for every man.

He loved the Hindus and the Muslims  
alike.

He is called the Mahatma or the man with  
a great soul.

His soul was noble and great.

Alas, the Mahatma was killed by one of our  
own countrymen.

## LESSON 47

## RAIN, RAIN

Rain, Rain,  
 Go away,  
 Come again  
 Another day,  
 Tulu Nilu  
 Want to play.

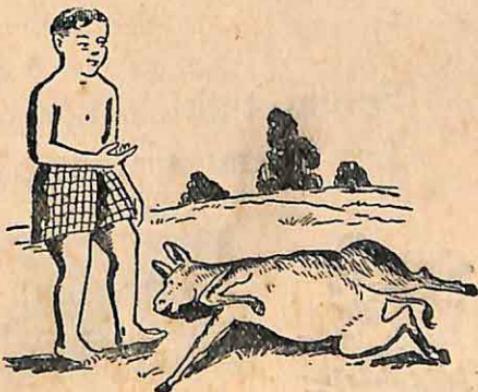


## LESSON 48

## NED



Ned, Ned,  
 The donkey's  
 dead !  
 He died last night —  
 With a pain in  
 his head.

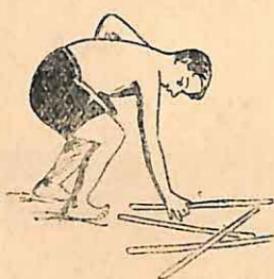


## LESSON 49

## ONE, TWO

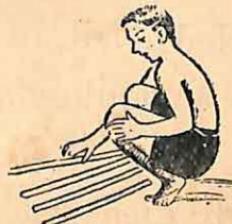


One, two,  
Buckle my shoe ;



Five, six,  
Pick up sticks ;

Seven, eight,  
Lay them straight ;



Nine, ten,  
A good fat hen.

## LESSON 50

## BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP!



Baa, baa, black sheep !

Have you any wool ?

Yes sir, yes sir,

Three bags full.

One for my master,

And one for my dame,

And one for the little boy

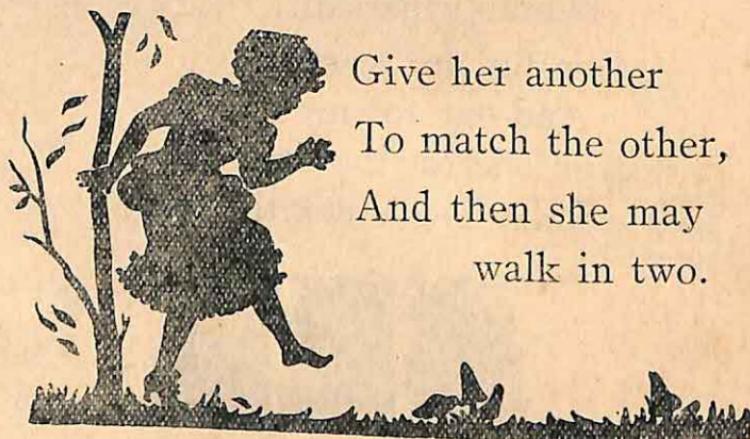
Who lives down the lane.



## LESSON 51

## LITTLE BETTY BLUE

Little Betty Blue  
Lost her pretty shoe.  
What can little Betty do?



Give her another  
To match the other,  
And then she may  
walk in two.

## LESSON 52

## THE PEDLAR'S SONG



What do you lack ?  
What do you lack ?  
Come, buy ! Come, buy !  
Here's my pack,  
Upon my back ;  
Come, buy ! Come, buy !

## LESSON 53

## BOBBY

whip

trip

tiny

dot

trot

donkey

When Bobby was  
a baby,  
He had a little whip,  
And rode upon  
a donkey,  
Trip, trip, trip !



When he was a little boy,  
A tiny little dot,  
He rode upon a pony,  
Trot, trot, trot !

When he grows to be a man  
He shall have a dog,  
And ride upon a gee-gee,  
Jog, jog, jog !

## LESSON 54

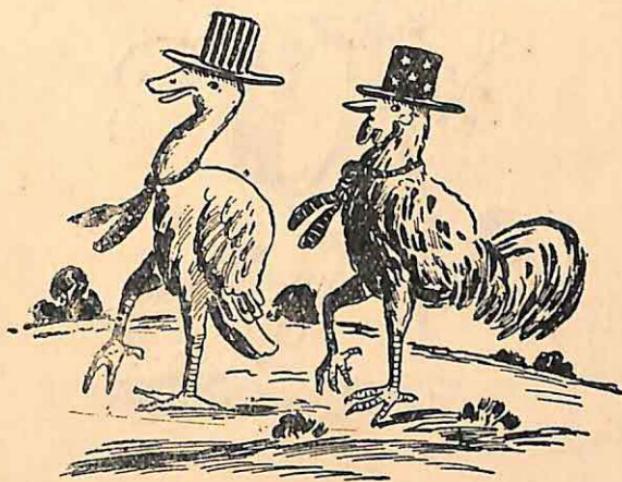
## A LITTLE TALK

brown

**together**

## **farm-yard**

## weather



And "Quack! Quack! Quack!" from  
Mrs. Duck.

## LESSON 55

## MICHAEL'S DRUM

bright

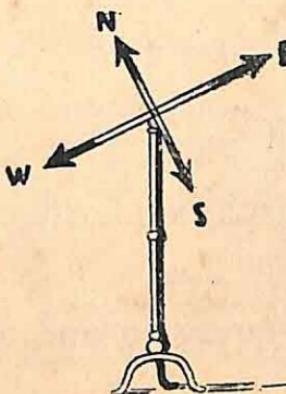
gay

stairs



Michael has a drum, and he knows how  
to play,  
A red drum, a fine drum, very bright  
and gay.  
“Rub-a-dub-dub!” says Michael’s drum,  
“Boom! zoom! zoom! here we come,  
Rub-a-dub-dub!—who cares?”  
All the way up the stairs.

## LESSON 56



When the wind is in the East,  
It's neither good for man nor beast ;  
When the wind is in the North,  
The skilful fisher goes not forth ;  
When the wind is in the South,  
It blows the bait in the fishes' mouth ;  
When the wind is in the West.  
Then it's at the very best.

## EXERCISE

Say the poem from memory.

## LESSON 57

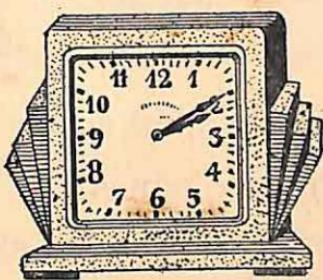
Which and where  
and why and when  
Are words I keep  
saying again and again.

Whatever the answer,  
I always declare  
Which and why  
and when and where.

Whatever the answer,  
I always reply,  
Where? and when?  
and which? and why?

## LESSON 58

## THE CLOCK



Tick-tack, tick-tock  
Tell the time true.  
Tick-tack, tick-tock  
Ten past two.

## LESSON 59

## THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

Start on Monday, start for danger ;  
Start on Tuesday, meet a stranger ;  
Start on Wednesday, get a letter ;  
Start on Thursday, something better ;  
Start on Friday, start for sorrow—  
Start on Saturday, meet your friend  
to-morrow.

## LESSON 60

## STAR CANDLES

candle

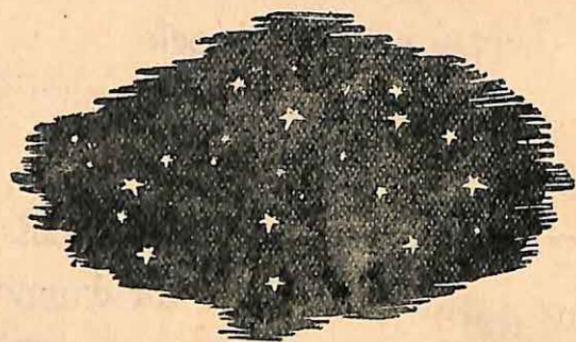
heaven

window

pane

tight

The stars are little candles  
In heaven's window panes,  
But all the windows are tight shut  
If it rains.



Then when the rain is over,  
And the sky is washed and clean,  
Once more at every window pane  
Candles are seen.

## LESSON 61

## THE OWL

howl

church

tower

twilight

watch-dog

Too-whit! Too-whoo!

The old white owl

Wakes up at night when

watch-dogs howl.

He's very old and very wise ;

He sees so much with big

round eyes ;

He lives within the dark

church tower ;

And sometimes at the

twilight hour,

I see him pass across the sky,

But never, never hear him fly.



## EXERCISE

Say the poem from memory.

## LESSON 62

## PUSSY AND ROBIN REDBREAST



Little Robin Redbreast,  
Sat upon a tree.  
Up went Pussy-Cat,  
And down came he.

Down came Pussy-Cat,  
Away Robin ran ;  
Says little Robin Redbreast  
“Catch me, if you can.”



## LESSON 63

## TWO BIRDS

## I

There were two birds  
sat on a stone ;

One flew away, and  
then there was one.

The other flew after, and  
there was none ;

And then the poor stone  
was left all alone.



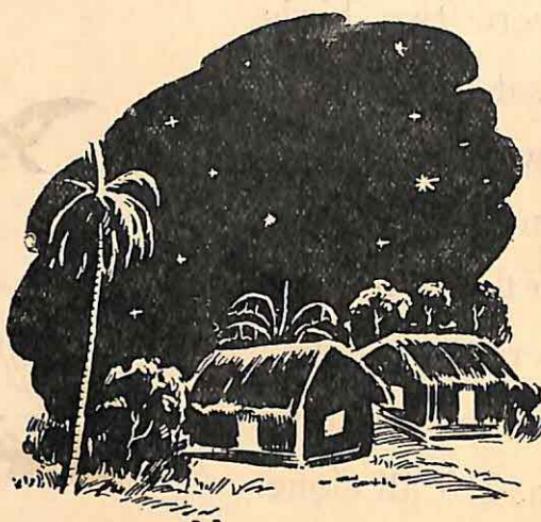
## II

One of the birds then back again flew,  
The other flew after, and then there  
were two.

Said one to the other, "How do you do?"  
"Very well, thank you, and how are you?"

## LESSON 64

## TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

**wonder****blazing****world****above****diamond****nothing**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,  
When he nothing shines upon,  
Then you show your little light,  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

## LESSON 65

## A HAPPY CHILD

**livelong**      **hardly**

My house is red—a little house ;

A happy child am I.

I laugh and play the livelong day,

I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,

To shade me from the sun,

And under it I often sit,

When all my work is done.

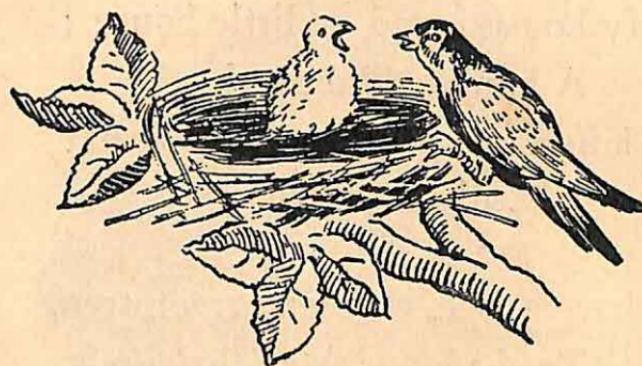
## EXERCISE

*Answer :*

- (i) What kind of a house have I?
- (ii) How do I spend the day?
- (iii) What do I do under the tree?

## LESSON 66

## LITTLE BIRDIE

**peep****longer****stronger**

What does little birdie say  
In her nest at peep of day?  
Let me fly, says little birdie,  
Mother, let me fly away.  
  
Birdie, rest a little longer,  
Till thy little wings are stronger.  
So she rests a little longer,  
Then she flies away.

## LESSON 67

## BOATS SAIL ON THE RIVERS

sail

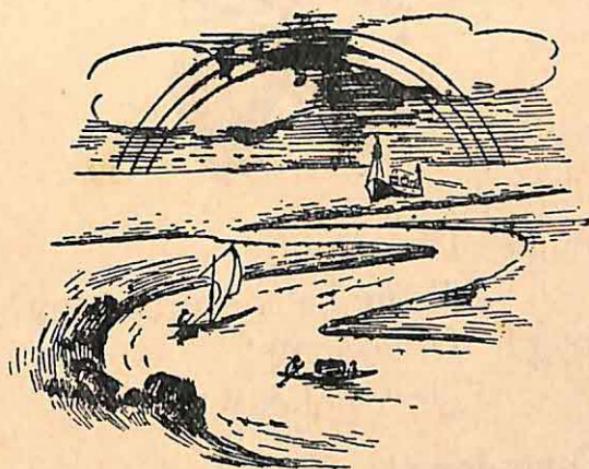
prettier

bridge

build

across

overtops



Boats sail on the rivers,  
And ships sail on the seas ;  
But clouds that sail across the sky  
Are prettier far than these.

There are bridges on the rivers,  
As pretty as you please ;  
But the bow that bridges heaven,  
And overtops the trees,  
And builds a road from earth to sky,  
Is prettier far than these.

## LESSON 68

## DING-DONG



Ding-dong ! Ding-dong !  
All the bells are ringing,  
Ding-dong ! Ding-dong !  
'Tis a holiday.

Ding-dong ! Ding-dong !  
All the birds are singing,  
Ding-dong ! Ding-dong !  
Let's go out and play.

